

# HOUSE BILL 358

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By: **Delegate Conway**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards – Notation of Veteran Status**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to  
4 provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the  
5 Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or  
6 identification card of an applicant who presents ~~a certain certification of certain~~  
7 documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the  
8 applicant is a veteran; requiring an application for a driver's license or an  
9 identification card to allow an applicant to indicate that the applicant is a  
10 veteran and consents to being contacted by ~~the Department~~ certain Executive  
11 Branch agencies under certain circumstances for certain purposes; requiring the  
12 Administration to electronically transmit certain information to ~~the Department~~  
13 certain Executive Branch agencies under certain circumstances; authorizing the  
14 Administration to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of this Act;  
15 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to drivers' licenses  
16 and identification cards of veterans.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 Article – State Government  
19 Section 9–901(a), (b), and (d)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article – State Government

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 9–905  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

4 BY adding to  
5 Article – Transportation  
6 Section 12–302  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article – State Government**

12 9–901.

13 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

14 (b) “Department” means the Department of Veterans Affairs.

15 (d) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 9–906 and 9–907 of this subtitle,  
16 “veteran” means an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the  
17 United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under  
18 conditions other than dishonorable.

19 9–905.

20 The Department shall:

21 (1) help veterans and their dependents to receive promptly and  
22 regularly all of the benefits to which veterans or dependents are entitled under federal  
23 law; [and]

24 (2) help veterans and their dependents in:

25 (i) preparing, in proper form, claims for benefits;

26 (ii) presenting the claims to the appropriate governmental unit;

27 (iii) trying to prevent and to relieve congestion in the processing  
28 of the claims; and

29 (iv) obtaining and expediting action on the claims; AND

30 **(3) ON REQUEST, PROVIDE A VETERAN WITH A DOCUMENT**  
31 **CERTIFYING VETERAN STATUS.**

1 Article – Transportation

2 12-302.

3 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE  
 4 OR IDENTIFICATION CARD OF AN APPLICANT WHO PRESENTS A CERTIFICATION  
 5 OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
 6 AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,  
 7 A DD FORM 214, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE  
 8 ADMINISTRATION CERTIFYING VETERAN STATUS, INCLUDES A NOTATION  
 9 INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN.

10 (B) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR AN  
 11 IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT THE  
 12 APPLICANT IS A VETERAN AND CONSENTS TO BEING CONTACTED BY ~~THE~~  
 13 ~~DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS~~ APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
 14 AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL  
 15 VETERANS' BENEFITS.

16 (2) ~~THE~~ IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-616 OF THE STATE  
 17 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, AND ON REQUEST  
 18 BY AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL  
 19 ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE ~~DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS~~  
 20 EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH  
 21 APPLICANT WHO CONSENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
 22 SUBSECTION.

23 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT  
 24 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 26 ~~October 1, 2012~~ January 1, 2013.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.